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NOTIFICATION

G. O. (P) No.18/2026/ID. *Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 6th May, 2026*

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S. R. O. No. 518/2026

In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Central Act 67 of 1957), the Government of Kerala hereby make the following Rules further to amend the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2015 issued by notification under G.O.(P)No.16/2015/ID dated 7th February, 2015 and published as S.R.O No.72/2015 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.288 Dated 7th February, 2015, namely:-

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RULES

1. *Short title and commencement.*- (1) These Rules may be called the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2026.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of the Rules.*- (1) In the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2015, in Rule 108, in sub-rule 2, after the first proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely,

"Provided further that if a mineral concession holder having all valid licenses deviates from the permitted extraction upto 20% without exceeding the permitted area and approved mineable reserve of the mining plan, the competent authority may recover from such person royalty and a quarter of the price there of. If the deviation of extraction exceeds 20%, such mineral concession holder is liable for a penalty as stipulated in this sub-rule.".

By order of the Governor,

A P M MOHAMMED HANISH,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification but is intended to indicate its general purport)

The Government have framed the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2015 issued by notification under G. O. (P) No. 16/2015/ID dated 7th February 2015 and published as S.R.O No. 72/2015 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.288 dated 7th February, 2015 to regulate extraction of minor minerals in the State. As the landholding in Kerala is less, it is inevitable to ensure maximum utilization of scientifically proven and extractable mineral reserve. When the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules were framed in 2015, the penal provisions under rule 108 were made applicable whenever a person raises without any lawful authority any mineral from any land. It is felt as if there is no distinction between an illicit extraction by a person having no permission and an extraction deviation by a licensed person. In order to make a distinction among the above two cases, the Government has decided to penalize the extraction deviation upto 20% by realizing the royalty and a quarter of the price there of, if the extraction is well within the permitted area and approved mineable reserve and hence this amendment.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

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